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WEATHER.
 WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—For lower Michigan: Generally fair; slowly rising temperature, preceded by frosts; Thursday morning variable winds, shifting to south and west.

LOOK IN THEIR PALMS.
 With something of a blow of trumpets the democratic announce that three distinguished lawyers have bolted the republicans and affiliated with the democrats. McVeagh, Cooley and Greenham are indisputably great men. They stand preeminent as jurists. They are astute theorists and erudite publicists. Their heads are superbly mounted on statuesque physiques. They are students and thinkers.

But look at the palms of their hands! They are men who have been recipients of honors at the hands of the republican party when its principles and policies were identical with its principles and policies of the present. They have enjoyed these distinctions—one of them still enjoys an honored public place—because of their mental acumen. Their contributions to the prosperity of this country have been measured in the prosecution and administration of the law.

But look at the palms of their hands! Men have conscientiously differed on public questions from time immemorial and will continue to do so. This is an age of progression and evolution. If a man will change his political faith, renounce the principles of his party and take to his bosom the enemies of a life-time that is his right in this country and no man should asperse his intelligence for exercising it. The three jurists named are now retained in a cause they have openly fought at the bar of public opinion for a quarter of a century.

Look in the palms of their hands! It is conceded that these theorists, who have delved in books and cloistered themselves in law libraries free from contact with the industrial masses, have the supreme right to advocate free trade for themselves. But the men who make the lawyer possible; who sow the fields and reap the grain; who turn the wheels and drive the mills—these men will never be satisfied to permit the theorist, however learned he may be, to fust free trade upon the country and rob them of their wages. Before these men's opinions shall have weight.

Look in the palms of their hands! What will it profit? When a regular democratic nominee stands for the principles of his party and fights the political battle for the supremacy of those principles, he enjoys the respect of republicans. His principles may be the quintessence of heresy and their successful application may mean the subversion of wise policy, yet he is consistent, and republicans admire consistency.

In the state of Michigan today the electors are confronted with an anomalous condition of politics. There are four parties in the field. Each party has distinct and irreconcilable principles. Each is supposedly aiming to succeed that its principles may be applied to the administration of state affairs. The nominees of each of these parties are not presented merely for office. They are presented to vindicate principle. The nominees of one party stand opposed to the principles of the other three. If this were not so, then there would be no necessity for the plural number.

Notwithstanding the four distinct party organizations and four distinct tickets, unanimously opposed in cardinal principles one to the other, we are presented with a combination on two of the tickets. The combination is not effected to secure the triumph of a principle, but to elevate to office two self-seeking political mountebanks and pot-bellied statesmen. Reference is had to Newton and Ellis. These men do not represent principles. They cannot. Democracy and the socialism of the Omaha platform are as dissimilar as paganism and christianity. These men are unprincipled aspirants for office. It matters not that principles are discarded and manhood stultified if their ambitions shall be realized.

What is to be gained by such an unholy political alliance? Will any self-respecting democrat feel more dignified to know that he has voted for a sympathizer with wild and improbable theories diametrically antagonistic to democracy? Will any patriotic feel honored to reflect that he has voted for men who shrink in the rear of democracy, ready to feast upon the fat things incident to office and whose professions of democracy are as pharisaical as their utterances advocating the Omaha platform? There is nothing to be gained to anybody or anything except to the two arch political hypocrites before whom cowardly democrats and contemptible populists bow in fawning obedience.

Republicans cannot respect candidates. Honest men will not respect them. The people will scorn to

calote them. They will go down in unmerciful defeat because they are unprincipled shysters.

HILL AND PLATT.
 Before the echoes of the fierce combat waged in the Chicago convention had died away the friends of Cleveland declared that they did not desire the support of Hill, Cleveland himself, stiff-necked, obstinate and doggedly determined, refused to listen to any capitulation with his brilliant political antagonist. The breach, already wide, gradually widened until the rupture imperiled the success of the party in New York. Then the benches of Grover, whose imperial nicks had closed the doors to an understanding, besought him to yield. He yielded. The glitter of office was more dazzlingly alluring than the majesty of indifference to Hill and defeat, and the great man humbled himself. He met the friends of the Tammany braves at the Victoria hotel and supped and copped with them. In a week's time David B. Hill had taken the stump and once mentioned the name of Hill as his political foe. In doing this Hill sacrificed his self respect to benefit his party. He loved his party; he could curb his contempt for its nominee.

Following the Minneapolis convention Thomas C. Platt balked in his tent. His rabid opposition to the president's re-nomination estranged the party counselors and he and his friends stood uncertain as to their position in the campaign. He had not been asked to join in the support of the party's nominee and was given to understand that his course in the convention was such that his attitude was considered unfriendly. When it became apparent that the success of the ticket he was asked to enter the lists and did so in a manner thoroughly sincere and enthusiastic.

These two chieftains of the empire state subordinated personal differences for the good of their respective parties. They hesitated to enter upon a campaign from which they had been excluded by the implied directions of the principal candidates. Cleveland needed Hill's support; Harrison needed Platt's support. No man may expect to be supported by those whom he seeks to injure and whose support he rejects. Cleveland and Harrison both understood the force of this reflection.

Four years ago Cleveland carried the state of Georgia by a plurality of 60,000; yesterday the state went democratic by an estimated plurality of 80,000. The populists made serious claims of their ability to carry the state. The result shows that the populist movement is fruitful only in swelling democratic majorities. The populists will never break the solid south.

Our democratic friends see in every cloud a rainbow of promise. Notwithstanding that free trade has been thoroughly exposed as fatal to the interests of Americans by the reports of eminent statisticians and the confession of Lord Salisbury, they still continue to believe in its ultimate triumph.

SHERIFF McQUEEN is trying to ride astraddle two widely separated political machines. Mr. Lamoreaux is content to await the verdict of the unbought and unpurchasable electors of Kent county. McQueen will be un-bored and ditched.

EX-CHAIRMAN CLARKSON is sanguine that the republicans will carry New York. He is simply reiterating the opinion of the solid delegation from New York in the Chicago convention, since confirmed by General Daniel E. Sickles.

It is said that a woman in a Pennsylvania asylum has not spoken a word for eleven years. Probably that's where Ellis found the precedent for his conduct at the democratic state convention.

Last evening the tenth and eleventh ward clubs held large and enthusiastic meetings. While the democrats seem to be pained with inertia and lassitude the republicans are alive with eager confidence.

Some scientist has discovered that in five hundred years the Dead sea will be a solid block of salt. The democrats need not despair—navigation will remain open for several presidential trips yet.

It is generally understood that the next democratic candidate for justice of the supreme court will be Allen B. Morse, who declared in a recent speech that the farmers of Michigan are "lazy devils."

Still the grand march of prosperity continues. The steps of the government building have been leveled and the rubbish in front of the Waters' property has been removed.

Now if Roger Q. Mills will announce that he is for the ticket, there will be only one vacancy left unfilled in the Cleveland cohorts.

As the campaign progresses the people's party bogie man grows distressingly ineffectual. It is growing to be afraid of itself.

Public office may be a public trust, but the people do not want to give the democrats credit on free trade security.

When Frank Eddy of Lowell as county clerk that office will be conducted in a manner wholly satisfactory to the people.

Don M. don't seem to cut much of a figure in the comic papers—probably because his whiskers are so expensive.

Groves will move from Buzzard's Bay to New York. He will reside in Gotham permanently.

Days Hill will vote the ticket, but he will be dynamited before he will speak to Grover.

FOR GOD AND HOME

The Kent County W. C. T. U. Societies Are Holding THEIR ANNUAL CONVENTION

At Yesterday's Session the Keeley Cure and Other Scientific Remedies for Drunkenness Were Discussed.

The fifteenth annual convention of the Kent County W. C. T. U. opened yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the United Brethren church, South Grand Rapids, with a fair attendance. The pretty little auditorium was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. Mrs. Mary E. Bodwell of this city, county president, occupied the chair. Mrs. William Thurston of this city, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Lottie Coburn of Sparta recording secretary; and Mrs. Mina Kitchen of Caledonia treasurer, were also present.

The session opened with music, followed by devotional exercises, led by Miss Laura Mains of Dutton. The following unions were represented: Alto, Byron Center, Caledonia, Dutton, Lowell, Sparta, and the Grand Rapids unions, Central Union, South Union, East street Union, Benjamin Union, Willard Union, Fifth Ward Union, Bridge street Union and Lathrop Union. Then there were also delegates from the central and practical Y's.

Mrs. William Thurston and Mrs. Libbie Smith of South Union were appointed a committee on credentials; Mrs. Dr. Rosenkrantz of Grand Rapids were appointed a committee on finance.

Committee on Resolutions.
 The resolutions committee consisted of five members—Mrs. Strong of Byron Center, Mrs. Libbie Smith of Benjamin Union, Mrs. L. M. Boze, city; Mrs. Phillips, city, and Mrs. Dart of Sparta. Mrs. Bowtell then introduced the district president, Mrs. A. S. Benjamin of Portland, who spoke briefly a few welcoming words. On motion of Mrs. Coburn, Mrs. Benjamin was elected a member of the convention.

Miss Lanny Phillips recited a pathetic poem entitled "Only Sixteen," after which the Rev. Mr. Glidden of Bay City and Mrs. M. S. Knaggs of Bay City were introduced and Mrs. Knaggs spoke briefly on Happy Home clubs. She said that the crime of drunkenness had been in existence since the days of Noah and since the great Master came priests, women and good men have worked to exterminate it. Women, the great home-keepers, are the ones to suffer the most from it. They are the ones to band together to blot out drunkenness. For many years they have been banded together to root out the evil, but there are times when their hearts have failed. The scientific world has come to the conclusion at last that drunkenness is a disease, and that the only cure is instruction is now given in the schools of states. For many years physicians have been studying and searching for a remedy for this disease, and at last they have been rewarded. Remedies have been found. The Keeley cure has cured thousands and the graduates, so-called, have organized into clubs whose object it is to induce others to take the cure. Fifty men have been sent from Bay City to the institute at Northville during the intervening time from March to last July.

Other Drunk Cures.
 There is also a drunk cure institute, the Dunlop, at Alpena. Its establishment has caused a wonderful change in that town. Last year forty saloons took out licenses. This year only twenty-four have applied for licenses. There is also a twin evil so dreadful that women hold their breaths when they speak of it. Last year there were fifteen houses of prostitution in Alpena, this year there are but three.

The Rev. Mr. Glidden supplemented Mrs. Knaggs' remarks with a few illustrations of the practical work being done by the Happy Home club in this city.

The report of scientific temperance instruction by Miss Maggie McVain was read by Miss Benbow of Alto, showing that nearly all schools in the county give scientific temperance instruction, and Mrs. DeYoung of this city read a report, showing that considerable temperance work has been done. Mrs. Alice M. Phillips, also of Grand Rapids, reported briefly on work done among sailors and soldiers. She has visited the hospitals and held thirty-seven services, distributed 2,229 religious papers, 100 gospel tracts, bought seven new testaments, sold two, given away five and has paid out for street care fare \$16.22.

The afternoon concluded with a parliamentary drill by Mrs. A. S. Benjamin. The convention will continue today and tomorrow.

Albers-Via.
 Last evening at the residence of the bride's parents, No. 17 Telford street, was solemnized the wedding of Henry Albers of Grand Haven and Dora M. Via. About 300 guests were present.

The bride party, consisting of the bride and groom, the best man, Grand Haven and Nellie Moerdyke, groomsmen and bridesmaids, took their places in the bow window to the music of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Minnie Benjamins. The Rev. E. Winters pronounced the solemn words that united two lives. The bride was dressed in cream white, clinging woodland, trimmed with ribbons, and the bridesmaid in an alabaster dress of the same color, trimmed with lace. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Albers took the train for Grand Haven, where they will reside, and where a reception will be tendered them Friday evening, October 7. One room of the family residence was filled with the presents the bride received, many of which were handsome and expensive. The committee of contracting parties have many friends in this city and Grand Haven who wish them a successful and pleasant voyage through life.

Examined Lyon Street Grade.
 The committee on streets of the common council and the board of public works met yesterday and visited the Lyon street grade, about which there has been so much kicking. The members examined the specifications carefully and dug into the street to examine the material. The committee will report to the council next Monday night. The report will probably be that the contractor is a virtually carrying out the terms of the contract.

Again On Its Feet.
 Eighteen attachment suits in the circuit court against Gypsum Plaster and Stucco company were discontinued by stipulation yesterday. The

company has for some time past been laboring under difficulties. An eastern corporation held a mortgage for \$35,000 covering the entire plant and it became due sometime ago. The property was advertised to be sold 1 day. Attachments to the amount of \$15,000 had been placed upon the property during the last few weeks but the amount was raised by a new loan from eastern parties secured by mortgage and the claims were satisfactorily settled. This loan is said to be in the neighborhood of \$50,000 but the assets of the company are placed at \$125,000. The company will immediately resume operations under the management of Frank L. Noble as heretofore.

CENTURY RUN.
 Twelve of the Local Riders Will Attempt One Sunday.

Several bicycle riders will start Sunday to make a century run. The route and times are as follows: Leave Grand Rapids 5 a. m.; leave Grandville 5:45; leave Jenisonville 6:30; leave Hudsonville 7:15; leave Vreeland 7:45; arrive Holland 8:40; leave Holland 9:40; leave Zeeland 10:20; leave Vreeland 10:55; leave Hudsonville 11:51; leave Jenisonville 12:33; leave Grandville 12:40; arrive at Grand Rapids 1:30; leave Grand Rapids 2:30; arrive West Bridge street 3:40; arrive at Grand Rapids 4:50; leave Grand Rapids 5:50; arrive at Plainfield 7; arrive at Grand Rapids 8:10.

The entire distance is 105 miles, and the pace will be set at eight miles an hour.

The following will participate: Phil S. Hunt, John H. Taylor, W. N. Souther, A. B. Richmond, W. B. Simmons, S. G. Gilbert, C. E. Letts, M. L. White, W. J. Gouldsburg, F. W. Heyman, A. J. Salter, W. W. Wickes.

MUST FIND NEW QUARTERS.
 Fruit Stands Will Be Removed From Canal and Monroe Streets.

Monroe and Canal street merchants have made a complaint against fruit stands being allowed on those streets, and Captain Johnson of the police force said yesterday that an effort will be made this morning to remove them. Notice was served on the proprietors of the stands yesterday that they would be required to remove them today and the police will enforce the order. Captain Johnson said: "Those streets are too narrow to accommodate the stands and owing to the street car tracks the stands often blockade teams. Besides the unsightly things to have on the main streets. We shall see that they are taken away."

Would Marry the Morning Star.
 Officer Mooney took Della Jones into custody last night for safe keeping. She is a single woman living at No. 10 Grandville avenue and suffering from an attack of insanity. She was locked in jail. When taken to jail she told the officers she would soon marry a man named Morning Star and talked quite freely on the subject of matrimony. She was wandering in the street when taken by the officer.

Places for Registration.
 The city attorney has prepared a blank registration to designate the places of holding registration meetings for the fall election. He would like to have the aldermen learn the names of the places at his office so that they may be visited.

Amusements.
 Florence Bindley, in her realistic comedy drama "The Pay Train," will appear at the Grand for one week, beginning Sunday, October 9. The play needs no introduction to our theater goers as it was produced here last season and scored an instantaneous success. This season the proprietors have not spared either time or money in making it still greater, and today it stands in the front as a mechanical masterpiece. The scenic effects may be mentioned the great railroad scene, the terrific boiler explosion and wreck of the incline plane truck. The company has been greatly strengthened and in addition to Miss Florence Bindley may be mentioned Miss Maggie Fiebert, a celebrated exponent of Irish characters; the eminent comedian, W. J. Sully; Fin Reynolds, late of Hoyt's "Brass Monkey" company; Max Von Mitzel, late of T. W. Keene and Robert Downing's company; and Drew A. Morton of the company. The company in New York incidental to the play Miss Bindley will be seen in her new and original song and dance entitled "Kiss and Make Up Again," also her solos on the xylophone, autoharp and goblies, the last named being an invention of her own. Seats for this engagement go on sale this morning.

John Phillip Sousa and his great band of solo artists and Sig. Antonio Galassi, baritone, and Marcella Lindh, soprano, will appear in a fine program at Hartman hall next Sunday evening. Sousa's new band was given a warm reception at the Lyceum in Detroit last Monday, and the papers there speak in the highest terms of their playing. The sale of reserved seats is now in progress at Morehead's music store, No. 16 Monroe street.

"The Fire Mail" is playing to large audiences at the Grand. The usual matinee today.

Good business is the rule at Smith's this week. Matinees tomorrow and Saturday.

Sousa was once the director in a Washington theater. He was not a "new buck" of the kind that impose a franchise tax upon corporations and the Richardson bill, increasing the specific tax upon earnings of railroad companies. It also amended its constitution to require annual dues from the women members.

Toy Balloon Causes Death.
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Bicycling at Traverse City.
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Full of Fakers.
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Mulligan Guards.
 Monroe, Oct. 5.—The Fifteenth Michigan regiment, known as the Mulligan guards, which was mustered here as a law of the hardest fighting in the rebellion, held its first reunion here yesterday. About sixty survivors were present.

Burglars Infect Hastings.
 Hastings, Oct. 5.—A gang of burglars infest this city and attempt to

AGAIN ON ITS FEET

The Grandville Plaster and Stucco Company FILED THREE BIG MORTGAGES

Yesterday in Order to Secure Funds to Place the Concern in a Condition to Resume Business.

J. B. Hubbell and Frank L. Noble, acting for the Gypsum Plaster & Stucco company, filed mortgages for \$60,000 yesterday. One a chattel mortgage for \$25,000 in favor of W. F. Dummer of Chicago covers the coal, wood, quarried rock, manufactured plaster, bags, barrels, cooper stock, horses, wagons, carts, harnesses, scrapers, scales, blacksmith shops and all tools and fixtures in and about the plaster mills of Grandville. It calls for the following payments: Twenty-five hundred dollars within thirty days, \$2,500 in sixty days, \$3,500 in ninety days, \$1,000 in six months, \$3,500 in nine months, \$4,000 in one year, \$4,000 in one year and six months, \$4,000 in one year and six months. The company may make payments of not less than \$1,000 at any time before the various sums are due.

The other two mortgages on real estate, mortgages to be paid within ten years. One is to Edwin Uhl, as trustee for young James H. Byrne and is executed for \$25,000. The other, the title of which is \$20,000, is drawn in favor of Alice Uhl.

For several days past T. A. Russell of Chicago and C. W. Gill of Columbus have been in the city conferring with Mr. Hubbell in regard to the matter. The plant was tied up a few weeks ago with attachments, aggregating \$15,000. The financial difficulties have been arranged satisfactorily, and it is thought the concern will soon be on its feet all right. Frank Noble will continue to act as manager.

Fruit Growers and Farmers.
 The union meeting of the G. R. V. Horticultural society and the Farmers' club, which was dropped out last month, will be attempted again next Tuesday, the weather and all things else permitting, at the new room in the court house at 1:30 p. m.

The program is as follows: "Sketch of G. R. V. Horticultural Society, Its Objects and Aims," by Joseph A. Pearce; "Sketch of the Farmers' Club, Its Purposes and Prospects," by G. S. Enderman; "Gardening Under Glass," by Thomas L. Brown.

Come all and let us have a jubilee meeting, and bring a basket of your best grapes to look at—and taste at.

A. W. SLAYTON,
 Chairman Committee.

Press Club Supper.
 Last night the Press club held its first monthly supper of the season in the New Livingston at 5:30. There were about forty members of the club present. The guests of the evening were Captain Garrity, U. S. A.; Mr. Florance Hunter of New York; Mr. and Mrs. George De Haven; George W. Perry of Bellevue, M. A. True of Chicago; Miss Kate Dunn, Miss Finn, Miss Grace Diver. The menu was excellent and a very pleasant social season was held. Following the supper the regular meeting of the club was held.

Charged With Larceny.
 Patrick Ryan of Vergennes was brought to jail last night to await an examination before Justice Curry of Lowell, on a charge of larceny from the person. He is accused of having stolen \$5 from Charles H. Galt at the Lowell fair last Tuesday.

Late Local Items.
 The fire alarm from box No. 723 at 5:25 yesterday afternoon was caused by a small blaze in the Grand Rapids Furniture company's factory. No damage.

Arthur Price, a 16-year-old boy, was arrested at the Union depot at 1:20 this morning as a tramp.

R. B. Hain was arrested last night for riding his bicycle on the sidewalk.

Durand for Judge.
 Lansing, Oct. 5.—Governor Winans this morning appointed George H. Durand of Flint to the vacancy upon the supreme bench caused by the retirement of Chief Justice Morse. The appointee accepted, qualified and took his seat by the side of the others when the court convened this morning at 10 a. m. Cases heard:

1. Henry L. Selick vs. the Lake Shore Michigan Southern Railway company.
 2. J. D. Turnbull vs. John Monaghan et al.
 4. William W. Stockley vs. John Stockley, Emma Stockley and others.
 5. Same vs. same.
 6. Michigan Single company vs. the State Investment and Insurance company.
 7. The Township of Cunniff vs. Ogemaw county.

Thursday's call—8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.

Action of the Alliance.
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Michigan Pensioners.
 WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Pensioners granted Michigan applications: Original—Francis Melian, Frederick Root, Michael McEwen, Mathias Coad, Ormel Valentine, Phillip Lavasseur, Luke Boyce. Additional—Andrew Westcott, Robert H. Hernandez, Samuel P. Lord, George Van Wagner, Jason R. Powell, Lyndon K. Cleveland, Henry H. Frankfield. Renewal and increase—Eleanor Grover. Increase—Eli A. Wright, Marcus Gibson, Thomas L. Cook. Original, widows, etc.—Jenet Gates, Charlotte H. Jones, Maria Pease, Caroline C. Mosher.

Work of Fire Bugs.
 MARSHALL, Oct. 5.—Yesterday a small blacksmith shop near the large works of the Page Bros. Buggy company, was destroyed by fire. It was a close call for the buggy works. As the building was unoccupied, there was no way to account for the blaze other than by incendiarianism.

Lightning Fresh.
 MARQUETTE, Oct. 5.—The house of John Brake of Marquette was struck by lightning Sunday and a corner of it slipped into kindling wood. A bedstead in which two boys were sleeping was moved several feet, but the youngsters were found to be uninjured.

Contract Ratified.
 MARSHALL, Oct. 5.—The council has ratified the contract of the electric light commissioners with the Brush company for an arc and incandescent electric light plant. The contract price is \$14,000.

State News in Brief.
 Charles Neff of Trenton, while whitening a piece of board on Monday, was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

IN A MEXICO TOWN

Life Not a Dream of Unalloyed Bliss

Among the ADOBE DWELLERS

The Native Mexican is Lazy, Untruthful, Dishonest and Cruel, and Leads a Hand-to-Mouth Existence.

"I have been in Mexico for several weeks," said C. L. Montoyne of Chicago at the Morton house last night, "and this weather almost freezes me. Mexico is a beautiful country—to read about. The land of the Montezumas and the gorgeous palaces of the Aztecs sound very well on paper. I can imagine that it would be a beautiful country to visit provided you can travel in a special palace car and do as you please all the time. But when you're down there because you have to be there is about as much romance in it as there is in getting your hair cut. Mexico is beautiful in places—even the natives can't destroy all the beauty God has given it; but it's a close call. If you could visit the country and not see any of the natives I imagine that one might be charmed with it. But when it comes to the inhabitants thereof I beg leave to pass. Of all lazy, dishonest, thieving, lying gambling rascals on the face of the earth, a Mexican occupies the first place and is at least ten lengths ahead of any of the rest. He will lie when it would be twice as easy to tell the truth.

Doesn't Know the Truth.
 In fact truth is something entirely foreign to his nature. He doesn't know the truth because he doesn't know what it is and has no conception of it. His chief aim in life is to steal something that belongs to somebody else. When he isn't doing that his principal source of amusement is to attend a bull fight or shoot some other snor who has been paying too many attentions to his senorita. An affair of this character is decidedly gratifying to him. It pleases him to think his wife or sweetheart is pretty enough to attract another man, and the fact that he has killed the would-be despoiler of his happiness is a honey and dew to his pagan soul.

Civilization hasn't done the Mexican any particular good, and unless tradition is false, it has done him a great deal of harm. He has absorbed all of its vices and none of its virtues. He isn't any cleaner than he is honest, and hates work as a democrat does the McKinley bill. About all the Mexican enterprises are backed by English and American capital. A thoroughly Mexican hasn't enough ambition to wheel dollars home if he could get them for nothing. One day I wanted a rip sewed up in one of my shoes and went to a native who was an all-around cobbler, tailor, harness maker and jack of all trades. Before sewing up the hole he asked his wife how much money there was in the house. She told him. It was about 30 cents in our money. He calmly rolled another cigarette and said he wouldn't do any work that day. Mexico is a great country, but I'm satisfied with the bad payments and bright eyed senoritas of Chicago."

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